



Officers of the Iris Growers of Eastern Indiana, at first anniversary meeting March 9, 1952. Left to right, Forrest McCord, president; Mrs. Gladys Ammon, secretary; Mrs. Adda Ayres, treasurer; Joseph Fedor, vice-president; and Walter Welch, guest speaker. photo by george shawver

Eastern Hoosiers Celebrate Anniversary

FORREST McCORD, Ind.

With a nucleus of seven AIS members, the Iris Growers of Eastern Indiana was organized at Muncie, Indiana in March, 1951, with 24 charter members from Delaware, Jay, Blackford, Grant, Madison, Henry and Randolph counties. Constitution and By-Laws were drawn up and approved, and temporary officers installed until the new club year, which begins in September, were: Forrest McCord, Muncie, president; Joseph Fedor, Anderson, vice-president; Mrs. Eleanor Goodwin, Muncie, secretary; Mrs. Adda Ayres, Redkey, treasurer.

Officers for the 1951-52 club year were the same, except Mrs. Gladys Ammon, Muncie, was elected secretary to take the place of Mrs. Goodwin, resigned. The newly-elected officers for 1952-53 are: Joseph Fedor, Anderson, president; Ralph E. Brooks, Spiceland, vice-president; Mrs. Lew Pavey, Anderson, secretary; and Mrs. Herschel Brinson, New Castle, treasurer.

The first anniversary was celebrated Sunday, March 9, with a carry-in dinner at the new home of Mrs. Adda Ayres at Redkey. Walter Welch—"Mr. Dwarf Iris"—who is AIS state chairman for Indiana, was the speaker.

Membership is restricted to the seven counties above mentioned, and each member is required to grow at least 25 named varieties of iris. Regular meetings are held on the second Sunday afternoon of each month. Earl Evans, Regional Vice-President for Region 6, addressed the club at the December meeting. Other highlights included the showing of iris slides by our club photographers, Mr. and Mrs. Cleetis Wade and Mr. and Mrs. George Shawver, who are iris hybridizers as well.

An iris show has been put on at Muncie both 1951 and 1952, and is well on its way to becoming an institution. The Region 6 fall meeting—Hybridizers Round Table—will be held at Muncie in the fall of 1953 with the IGEI as sponsor.

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